

**Ad Hoc Community and Public Works Planning Committee (CAPP)**  
**Alternative Energy Committee (AEC)**  
**April 14, 2010**

Members present: Burke Henry, Vice Chair; Carl Frederickson, Mark Eggleston, Alan Fischlowitz and Tom Banner (10:10am)

Members present by speakerphone: Larry Bean

Also present:

The Alternative Energy Committee meeting called to order by Vice Chair B. Henry on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 10:05 AM at the Town Hall. A quorum of the committee is present as reflected in the members listed above.

**1. Review and approval of the following AEC minutes:**

**A. February 16, 2010**

Motion by A. Fischlowitz to accept the February 16, 2010 Alternative Energy Committee minutes as presented, second, C. Frederickson. All in favor, four ayes, motion carried.

**B. February 22, 2010**

Motion by M. Eggleston to accept the February 22, 2010 Alternative Energy Committee minutes as presented, second, A. Fischlowitz. All in favor, four ayes, motion carried.

**2. Grant application status:**

**A. Focus on Energy grant.**

Rich Hasselman, Focus on Energy (FOE) could not find the final draft report submitted by B. Henry in November 2009. B. Henry sent the final report again including charts, articles, etc. and has not received a response.

Tom Banner is now present. (10:10 a.m.)

A few days ago Rich Hasselman said we would not get the grant; now Rich said there is a slim chance if we contact Todd Wanous, in the Schools and Government Sector of FOE. B. Henry called FOE and was told that they did not know this person so B. Henry called Rich Hasselman and was given a number for Todd Wanous. Todd has not returned the call.

There is confusion if a series of grants can be applied for or if you are limited to one grant per project. Frustration expressed by committee members in regards to FOE. Suggestion to prepare a formal complaint and copy the following people: Michael Vickerman, Renew Wisconsin; Commissioner Lauren Azur because the public service commission directs the FOE; Don Wichert, WI Energy Conservation Corp and the Office of Energy Independence (OEI).

The application for funding of a feasibility study submitted by Steve Hacker for the Great Lakes Visitor Center was turned down by the FOE at the beginning of this year.

**B. Grant applications to the following foundations: Bremer, Wal-Mart and M & I Bank**

Samantha Smart, Project Manager, Windustry, suggested applying for a Rural Development grant at the USDA.

A. Fischlowitz has been unable to meet with Rick Geisen at Bremer bank and will call him.

Since the Otto Bremer foundation has awarded funds to several community building organizations this committee needs to focus on what this project can do to stabilize and help the community of La Pointe. B. Henry has not finished the Bremer application.

The Wal-Mart grant has four areas of focus one of which is Environmental – Sustainability (helping people become personally sustainable). Need to be a 501(3)(c) organization. L. Bean

suggested that we could target an environmental study for the Band of Chippewa, Great Lakes Visitor's Center, Bayfield County and ourselves.

B. Henry will contact the Alliance in regards to their 501(3)(c) status.

M&I Bank does not have a foundation.

### **C. Windustry Rural Business Enterprise Grant**

A. Fischlowitz needs a short paragraph from Windustry on their letterhead stating that Windustry is prepared to provide matching funds in order for the AEC to receive the Minneapolis Foundation grant. A. Fischlowitz will verify the amount of match that is needed.

B. Henry said Windustry will hire a project manager May 1<sup>st</sup>, which would start the project. The project manager would then meet at each of the four sites and develop a detailed plan. \$35,000 is available for each site; \$45,000 has been budgeted for a team of consultants.

L. Bean said he emailed the National Renewable Energy Lab but has not heard anything. He will also email Samantha Smart for an update.

L. Bean received an email from OEI requesting invoices so the OEI can transfer the money to the Town. The amount is \$5,000; \$2500 of that amount is for Bob Owen's SODAR project in Bayfield County (L. Bean had written a letter of support on behalf of Bob Owen). This \$2500 for Bob Owen was transferred to the Town/AEC as a matter of convenience.

The remaining \$2500 of the \$5,000 AEC received was to provide the match for the first grant from the Minneapolis Foundation.

B. Henry will talk to Barb Nelson, Administrative Assistant about the invoices.

### **3. Environmental study:**

**A. Discuss the significant elements of the study.**

**B. Request for Proposal preparation.**

Samantha Smart said a Phase 1 Environmental Assessment is needed, cost to be around \$30,000. Samantha wanted to know what this committee thought the major environmental issues would be. B. Henry sent the following list of issues as well as charts. Samantha's reply was "Wow." Short discussion of the following list of priorities:

1. Bird Areas. We are located between two important bird areas - the Apostle Island National Lakeshore IBA and the Long Island/Bad River wetland IBA.
2. Sound Levels. There could be homes on all properties along the lakeshore in the future.
3. Beach Landing. Question if there needs to be a permanent dock and a breakwall. The roads will have to be upgraded as several medium-sized cranes are needed to construct the 300 ton crane that will place the turbine sections. 28 large truck loads are needed to transport this machinery.

Samantha's reply was "Wow."

B. Henry will attend the Hawk Migration conference in Duluth this weekend to see if he can find answers to some of his questions.

### **4. Discussion of Met tower at Big Bay State Park.**

Not discussed.

### **5. Bob Owen Sodar report status.**

B. Henry said Bob Owen has not sent the SODAR report yet, just wind and some rough data.

B. Henry will check with Barb Nelson to see if Bob Owen has been paid as we invoiced Xcel Energy, who paid for the SODAR project; we in turn were to pay Bob Owen.

L. Bean now signs off from the meeting. (11:05 am)

**6. Future plans.**

Tom Banner will research foundations involved in wind energy to see if there is money available.

Soil samples will be needed from the site.

Discussion of property owners and what land is for sale at the north end site.

**7. Next steps.**

Waiting for Windustry to begin their project.

**8. Set next meeting and agenda.**

No meeting set at this time.

**9. Adjourn.**

Motion by A. Fischlowitz to adjourn, second, C. Frederickson. All in favor, four ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Kathy Erickson, Clerical Assistant.

Minutes approved as presented May 27, 2010